

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6-7 and 9-23 are currently pending in the application.

The Examiner contends that the application contains claims directed to two (2) patentably distinct inventions, as follows:

- I. Claims 1, 3, 6-7 and 9-13, drawn to a fence panel; and
- II. Claims 14-18, drawn to a method of forming a picket structure.

The Examiner has required election of a single invention for prosecution on the merits.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1, 3, 6-7 and 9-13. The foregoing election is made without traverse.

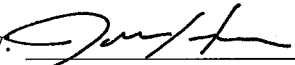
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Response to Election Requirement and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 1, 3, 6-7 and 9-13, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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